

ISDH Injury Prevention Advisory Council Minutes of meeting of December 18, 2003

Present: Sandra Beck, Barbara Cole, Dawn Daniels, Anna Deahl, Judy Ganser, Charlene Graves, Joanne Martin, Jim Mowry, Keisha Nicholson

Dr. Graves opened the meeting. Members introduced themselves and the minutes from the September 11, 2003 meeting were approved.

Discussion of the wording of the mission statement and goals for the Council were discussed. A revised version (see below) is now available for Council members, for final adoption at the March 2004 meeting.

The mission of the Injury Prevention Advisory Council is to work with the Indiana State Department of Health to reduce the Indiana injury-related morbidity and mortality.

Goal: Through improved data collection and dissemination, coordination of injury prevention and control efforts, the Indiana State Department of Health will reduce Indiana injury-related morbidity and mortality.

Hospital Discharge Data: Sandra Beck reported that the complete Year 2002 hospital discharge database was not yet available to ISDH due to errors recently found that need correction. It is expected to be available in January.

Report on Injuries in Indiana: Sandra also reported that she has begun work on this data report, which is anticipated to be completed in draft form in April 2004. Council members will receive portions of the report for review and comment prior to final publication. It is expected that this document will be a useful reference for program planning as it is made available to multiple stakeholders. Discussion was held on the organizational scheme of the report, including issues of race/ethnicity, urban/rural, developmental/age-related differentials. There will also be chapters organized by types of injuries. It was suggested that state gaps in data should be described in the report.

Indiana Poison Center: Barbara Cole provided a detailed showcase presentation as she reported on the work that she has been involved in since being hired as the full-time health educator in May of 2002. Some examples are: 1) an analysis of surveys done at the State fair regarding familiarity with the Poison Center, 2) a telephone survey to assess satisfaction with the services, results were excellent, 3) focus groups held with parents of young children to assess their needs for information on poison prevention (report is being written), and 4) mailings to pediatricians and obstetricians, of patient information available in English and Spanish. She described the Train the Trainer Workshops that have been developed and a new 10 minute video from Texas Children's Hospital titled "Making the Right Call", which has been adapted for Indiana. Jim Mowry

reported that he is working with ISDH as part of syndromic surveillance development and noted the American Association of Poison Centers national database already is involved in this effort. There appears to be some increase in HRSA funding for Poison Centers for FY 2004.

Office of Aging: Anna Deahl noted that injury prevention will be a new topic included in a conference on Aging Well and at other conferences related to the elderly. Handouts on Architectural Guidelines for Injury prevention in the elderly and a Fact Sheet for Older Hoosiers were distributed to attendees.

Healthy Families: Joanne Martin noted education focused on making the home a safe environment for children, used in this program's work with teen parents and other high-risk families. She volunteered to be the showcase presenter at the Council's March meeting.

Injury-Free Coalition: Dawn Daniels described a preliminary planning meeting held with the Near East Side Coalition (NESCO) as a targeted locale for injury prevention. The first efforts are related to falls and burns, with other injury issues to be determined depending on the community's interest.

Maternal Child Health: Judy Ganser reported on the Child Care Health Consultant Program, which involves 6 to 8 trained consultants working with child care centers. Collecting data on injuries will be part of this initiative. She also reported that the 5-year needs assessment required by MCH includes injury data and is scheduled for July 2005.

Safe Kids and RiskWatch: Keisha Nicholson provided a progress report on the injury prevention curriculum that is being disseminated to schools through the State Fire Marshal's Office. She announced that the Riley Hospital Automotive Safety Program is seeking a new director and noted the efforts to improve child passenger safety laws (re requiring booster seats) that failed in the 2003 state legislative session, but were revived in the 2004 session.

State Trauma System: Charlene Graves reported that Dr. Wilson has requested organization of an Advisory Task Force to work on planning a state trauma system, which she will lead. Indiana is one of only 6 states that does not have a formalized trauma system, with supporting legislation.

Discussion of Subcommittees was deferred due to lack of time.

Possible dates for the March meeting were March 11th and March 25th. March 11th was the date originally agreed to. However a change in the Chairman's personal activities necessitated moving the date to March 25th. **Thus the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 25th at 10:30 AM at ISDH, 8th floor Training Room.**